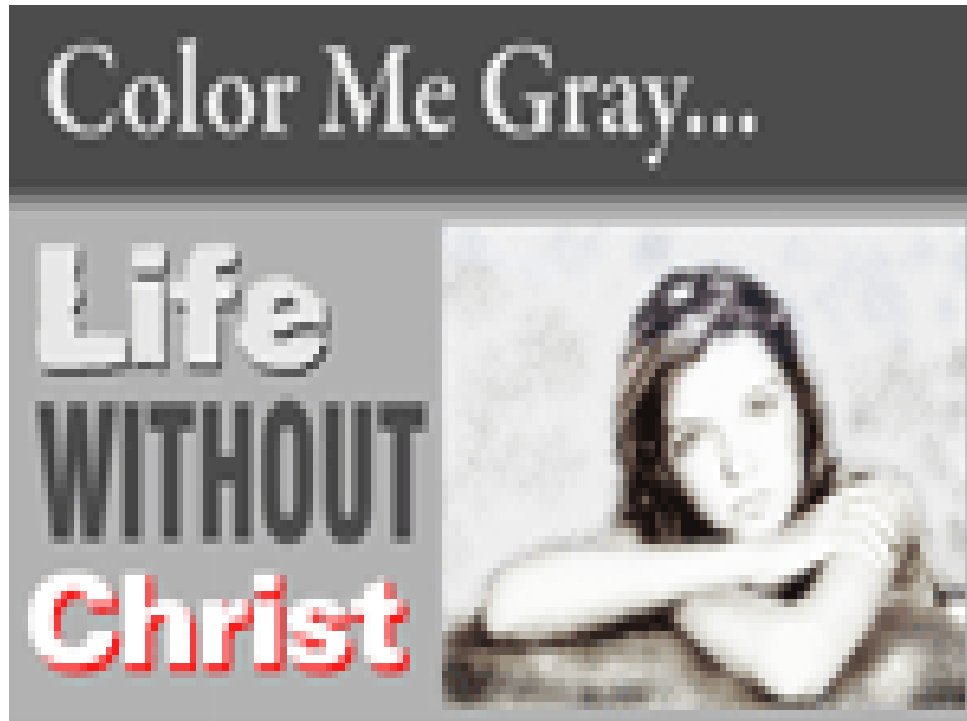


THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

SPIRITUAL CONFUSION

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Oh Heavenly Gracious Father, may we all once again give You thanks, praise and bless You Lord for another day. Lord, may we never take for granted, Your Love, Grace, and Mercy that You bestow upon us. Father, may we never forget that our source of life comes from Your Loving Hand. Father, please continue to forgive us our trespasses and lead us not into temptation. Father, I ask this in Jesus Name.....Amen.

This month's inspired message has to do with spiritual confusion! What is spiritual confusion? Spiritual confusion is when our minds get cluttered up with different ideologies and problems with this world. Spiritual confusion is when we get caught up in all the pleasures and material things that this world has to offer. Things like money, power, self righteousness, idolatry, and so on. Spiritual confusion is a real epidemic in our society and abroad. The reason for so much confusion stems from our lack of understanding the Divine Word of the Lord. Once we start to understand what God desires are for us, is when spiritual confusion starts to dissipate, at that point, it will begin to turn into spiritual understanding!

Paul tells us that the gospel is open and revealed to everyone, except those who refuse to believe. Satan is "the god of this age." His work is to deceive, and he has blinded those who don't believe in Christ. In **2 Corinthians 11: 14,15** it is written; **And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.**

In this scripture God is trying to help us to be more aware of one of the main reasons why there is so much spiritual confusion in the world. I believe that we are all looking and searching for something to believe in. In this world, there are so many good people that have been deceived by false prophets. A false prophet or a false teacher can be anyone who manipulates the Word of God in any way, shape or form. An example of false prophets or teachers can be any teachings or religious doctrines that do not align with the Bible. Those who reject Christ and prefer their own pursuits have unknowingly made Satan their god. Once Satan has his grip in us, it is extremely hard to break loose from his lies and deceptions!

The moment we try to break away from his overwhelming allure, he begins an all out attack on our soul. He knows all our weaknesses and will concentrate all his attacks on the weakest areas of our mind, body and souls. Just like a drug dealer, the devil will eventually bring those who have lost their spiritual way, down to the pits of hell before it is all over! The drug that Satan uses on all his victims, is a drug called sin!

The world loves sin that is why there is so much spiritual confusion. Did you ever watch a spider weave a web? It's a kind of process that reminds me a little how the devil weaves his web of deception. First the spider finds the best place to weave the web. Then once the web is fully spun, the spider sits patiently waiting for some prey to get caught in his web. Once the arthropod (generally a flying insect) gets caught up in the web, it will first try and get away using up whatever strength it has. Then after the prey struggles to get loose, the spider will rush anxiously to the arthropod and inject the prey with his deadly venom while continuously weaving more webbing around it's victim to finalize the kill. However, once in awhile, the spider's prey gets away. Metaphorically speaking, the one that got away can be anyone of us who were once in darkness, but are now in God's Light! Let's be honest with ourselves, we all loose our way in some way or another. Some loose their way and never find spiritual understanding in a lifetime, while others loose their way and eventually find their way spiritually back home. Try not to let spiritual confusion diminish your faith. With God's help, we can overcome Satan's ultimate plan of confusion and fear. The best way to help us avoid getting too spiritually confused is by having the fear of the Lord in our hearts. The fear of the Lord, is the beginning of wisdom as the Bible tells us. The wisdom that the Bible talks about is spiritual wisdom. Spiritual Wisdom is something that only God can teach us. There is no other place to find God's Wisdom, then in the Bible!

In **James 1:5** the Lord says; [If anyone of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.](#) In **Proverbs 2:5-7** God says; [Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless.](#) Also, in **Ecclesiastes 2:26** the Lord says; [To the man who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness.](#)

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, try and remember that spiritual confusion comes from the lack of spiritual understanding! Also, while spiritual confusion comes from the devil, spiritual wisdom comes from God! Furthermore, the key to stop the spiritual confusion in our lives, is to first understand that the “*Fear of the Lord,*” is the beginning of **Wisdom!** Let us pray, Father, may we again, thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord for this Divinely inspired message this month. Father, from this day going forward, may we all make a serious commitment in 2012, to take some time out daily, to read and study the Bible to help us better understand Your Will for us!! Lord I ask this prayer in Jesus name.....Amen.



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

TRUST ME by relinquishing control into My hands. *Let go and recognize that I am God.* This is My world: I made it and I control it. Yours is a responsive part in the litany of Love. I search among My children for receptivity to Me. Guard well this gift that I have planted in your heart. Nurture it in the Light of My Presence.

When you bring Me prayer request, lay out your concerns before Me. Speak to me candidly; pour out your heart. Than thank Me for the answers that I have set in motion long before you can discern results. When your requests come to mind again, continue to thank me for the answers that are on the way. If you keep on stating your concerns to Me, you will be living in a state of tension. When you thank Me for how I am answering your prayers, your mind set becomes more positive. Thankful prayer keeps your focus on My Presence and My Promises.

(Psalm 46:10; Colossians 4:2; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

PROVEBIAL WISDOM FOR JANUARY 2012

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 19:1 Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.



THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands in prayer with this ministry for, Janelle Owens, Greg Achinco Sr, Anne Marie Young and Family, Patty Palma, Melissa Fennen, Joy Valeri, Catrina Wilson and Family, Gary Wade and Family, Margaret Lipani, Ed Messner, Jonathan Baker and Family, Andrea Arceneaux, Joe Lakes, Richard Leland, The DeAngelo Family, Janet Neil, Greg Achinko, Johanna Tyson, The Stein Family, The Longo Family, Greg Dubrois, Christine Palma, Dorthy Leary, Bob McCormick, Dennis E. Palma, Jimmy Palma and Family, Tony Scarengelli, Cole Brant.

Also a daily prayer for all the, Sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the hungry, the lame, the brokenhearted, the persecuted, the weary, the restless, the poor in spirit, the anger, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the selfishness, the greed, the corruption, the failing economy, and our dysfunctional Government,

It is my hope that each months inspired message, will help us all to grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Also, may this message help us all to better understand the Word of God! Again I ask that we all try and make **Bible study** a part of our 2012 New Years resolution!! Last but not least, may this year be a year of spiritual revival and renewal for all of us!!

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